

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/812,825

Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 11/07/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),  
Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit  
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),  
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed 11/07/2006 was applied to the following effect: All relevant objections and rejections are withdrawn as being satisfied.

### ***EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT***

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Mark Saralino on 12/18/2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Regarding claim 1, line 19, insert —two opposing sidewalls and —between “groove has” and “two ends”. On line 21, insert —said opposing sidewalls opposite—between “points on” and “to each other”. Also, delete “sides” on line 21.

### ***Reasons for Allowance***

3. Claims 1-4 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

This application is for a MAGNETIC RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS.

- **Claim 1** specifies a magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus, which requires:

*“the first guide groove has two opposing sidewalls and two ends between which the first projection is movable, the first projection is contactable with at least one of the two ends at two points on said opposing sidewalls to each other with respect to a line which is drawn by a center of gravity of the first projection by the movement of the first projection along the first guide groove and the at least one end is formed such that the movement of the first protection toward the at least one end is stopped by the contact with the two points, and the two points have a distance therebetween which is shorter than a width of the first guide groove in a direction perpendicular to the direction in which the sub chassis is movable.”*

The prior art of record fails to fairly, teach, show or suggest, by either anticipating or rendering obvious, the invention as set forth in the claims of the instant application. Furthermore, a search made does not detect the combined claimed elements as set forth in the pending claims. Additionally, the reasons for allowance of the claims over the prior art of record is believed to be readily clear, self evident and apparent from the claim language set forth in claim 1 and Figures 4(a)-(b) as set forth in the specification, when compared and contrasted with the prior art.

More particularly, the instant invention (as set forth in claim 1) provides for a magnetic recording and reproduction apparatus wherein the first guide groove has two opposing sidewalls and two ends between which the first projection is movable, the first projection is contactable with at least one of the two ends at two points on said opposing sidewalls to each other with respect to a line which is drawn by a center of gravity of the first projection by the movement of the first projection along the first guide groove and the at least one end is formed such that the movement of the first protection toward the at least one end is stopped by the contact with the two points, and the two points have a distance therebetween which is shorter than a width of the first guide groove in a direction perpendicular to the direction in which the sub chassis is movable. None of the cited prior art of record disclose such a magnetic recording and

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reproduction apparatus, as set forth in the manner, function and relationship relative to other claimed structures as prescribed by the independent claim. Therefore, these features, in combination with other features of claim 1, are not anticipated by, nor made obvious over, the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### ***Conclusion***

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R. Magee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7592. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 8: 00 am-4: 30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrea Wellington can be reached on (571) 272-4483. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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